

the Federal government's dissemination of information concerning the program, and proposed legislation to improve the small business sector's involvement in assistive technology research and development, receiving testimony from Charles W. Wessner, Program Director, Board on Science, Technology, and Economic Policy, National Research Council, Susan D. Kladiva, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, General Accounting Office; Robin Frank Risser, Picometrix, Inc., on behalf of the Small Business Technology Coalition, and Heidi N. Jacobus, Cybernet Systems Corporation, both of Ann Arbor,

Michigan; Arthur P. Brigham, III, High Performance Materials Corp., Hermann, Missouri; and Chris W. Busch, Ronan, Montana.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

NATIONAL SECURITY

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on the investigation of the impacts to United States national security from advanced satellite technology exports to China and Chinese efforts to influence U.S. policy, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 8 public bills, H.R. 3990–3997; and 3 resolutions, H.J. Res. 120–121 and H. Res. 456, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 457, providing for the consideration of the Senate amendments to H.R. 2709, to impose certain sanctions on foreign persons who transfer items contributing to Iran's efforts to acquire, develop, or produce ballistic missiles (H. Rept. 105–566); and

H. Res. 458, providing for the further consideration of H.R. 2183, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to reform the financing of campaigns for elections for Federal office, (H. Rept. 105–567).

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Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Dr. James D. Strauss of Lincoln, Illinois.

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Ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Act: The House passed H.R. 3433, to amend the Social Security Act to establish a ticket to Work and Self-Sufficiency Program in the Social Security Administration to provide beneficiaries with disabilities meaningful opportunities to return to work and to extend Medicare coverage for such beneficiaries, and to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a tax credit for impairment-related work expenses by a yeay and nay vote of 410 yeas to 1 nay with 2 voting "present", Roll No. 197. The House completed general debate and agreed to H. Res. 450, the rule that provided for consideration of the bill on June 3.

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Constitutional Amendment Restoring Religious Freedom: The House failed to pass H.J. Res. 78, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States restoring religious freedom by a recorded vote of 224 yeas to 203 noes (with two-thirds required for passage), Roll No. 201.

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By a recorded vote of 203 yeas to 223 noes, Roll No. 200, rejected the Scott motion to recommit the joint resolution to the Committee on the Judiciary with instructions to report it back with an amendment in the nature of a substitute that proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the United States that states that "Congress shall make no laws respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof.

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On demand for a division of the question rejected the Bishop amendment, Part 1, that sought to, strike language to secure the right to "acknowledge God" and insert the right to "freedom of religion;" (rejected by a yeay and nay vote of 6 yeas to 419 nays, Roll No. 198) and

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On demand for a division of the question rejected the Bishop amendment, Part 2, that sought to strike language dealing with the denial of "equal access to a benefit on account of religion" and insert "or otherwise compel or discriminate against religion." (rejected by a recorded vote of 23 yeas to 399 noes, Roll No. 199).

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H. Res. 453, the rule that provided for consideration of the joint resolution was agreed to earlier by yeay and nay vote of 248 yeas to 169 nays, Roll No. 196.

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Tiananmen Square Ceremony: The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 285, expressing the sense of the

Congress that the President of the United States should reconsider his decision to be formally received in Tiananmen Square by the Government of the People's Republic of China by yeas and nays vote of 305 yeas to 116 nays, Roll No. 202. **Pages H4114–23**

H. Res. 454, the rule that provided for consideration of the concurrent resolution was agreed to by a voice vote. **Pages H4112–14**

Agricultural Research: The House agreed to the conference report on S. 1150, to ensure that federally funded agricultural research, extension, and education address high-priority concerns with national or multistate significance, and to reform, extend, and eliminate certain agricultural research programs by a yeas and nays vote of 364 yeas to 50 nays, Roll No. 204—clearing the measure for the President. **Pages H4123–34**

Earlier, a point of order was raised under Section 425 of the Congressional Budget Act of 1974, regarding unfunded intergovernmental mandates. Pursuant to Section 426 of the Congressional Budget Act, the House agreed to consider the conference report by a yeas and nays vote of 324 yeas to 91 nays, Roll No. 203. **Pages H4123–27**

The conference report was considered pursuant to the unanimous consent order of June 3.

Order of Business—User Fee Bill: Agreed by unanimous consent that it be in order at any time to consider H.R. 3989, to provide for the enactment of user fees proposed by the President in his budget submission under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code, for fiscal year 1999, that the bill be considered as read for amendment; that the amendment placed at the desk, adding at the end of the bill Title IV, Tax Increases, be considered as adopted; and that the previous question be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, to final passage without intervening motion, except, one hour of debate on the bill, as amended, equally divided and controlled by Representative Solomon of New York and the Minority Leader or his designee; and one motion to recommit with or without instructions. **Page H4134**

Budget Resolution: The House completed general debate on H. Con. Res. 284, revising the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1998, establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 1999, and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2000, 2001, 2002, and 2003. Further consideration will resume on Friday, June 5. **Pages H4144–63**

H. Res. 455, the rule that is providing for consideration of the concurrent resolution was agreed to by

a yeas and nays vote of 216 yeas to 197 nays, Roll No. 205. **Pages H4135–44**

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H4165–66.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Seven yeas and nays votes and three recorded votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H4077, H4078, H4108–09, H4109–10, H4111, H4112, H4122–23, H4126–27, H4133–34, and H4143–44. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:33 a.m. on Friday, June 5.

Committee Meetings

FOREST SERVICE—OFF-BUDGET FUNDS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing on Review of off-budget funds administered by the Forest Service. Testimony was heard from James J. Meissner, Associate Director, Energy, Resources, and Science Issues, Resources, Community, and Economic Development Division, GAO; Ron Stewart, Deputy Chief, Programs and Legislation, Forest Service, USDA; and public witnesses.

DEFENSE APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security met in executive session and approved for full Committee action the Department of Defense appropriations for fiscal year 1999.

U.S. HOLOCAUST ASSETS COMMISSION ACT

Committee on Banking and Financial Services: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3662, U.S. Holocaust Assets Commission Act of 1998.

Prior to this action, the Committee held a hearing on H.R. 3662. Testimony was heard from Stuart Eizenstat, Under Secretary, Economics, Business and Agricultural Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

ELECTRONIC COMMERCE

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Finance and Hazardous Materials held a hearing on Electronic Commerce: New Methods for Making Electronic Purchases. Testimony was heard from Roger W. Ferguson, Jr., member, Board of Governors, Federal Reserve System; and public witnesses.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Ordered reported amended the following measures: H. Res. 401, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that social promotion in America's schools should be ended and can be ended through the use of high-quality, proven programs and practices; H.